County Agent Discusses Boosting Small Grain Yield

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The critical period for seeds is the interval between planting and germination. If there is not enough moisture in the soil to permit quick sprouting, seeds are vulnerable to attack by soil organisms for several days. Especially is this true if the soil is cold. It's bad enough if the pests are there, waiting. But that's not all the danger. Through an uncanny instinct,, soil organisms appear to be able to travel through the soil and converge on newly-planted seeds to swipe a free meal. Sowing and then hoping for rain to hasten germination before the pests attack is taking an unnecessary gamble. Seed treatment with a recommended fungicide is just good insurance for the farmer.

Practically all of the disease organisms borne on the surface of small grain seed can be controlled by the application of a chemical disinfectant. All the smuts of wheat, oats, and barley, except loose smut of wheat and brown loose smut of barley, can ordinarily be controlled by chemical treatment of the seed. Ceresan M. is recommended for this treatment. In using this material, follow precisely the directions given on the container. An outstanding advantage of this chemical is that it can be used to control all of the seed-borne diseases that are commonly controlled by fungicides; and it serves to protect seed and young seedlings from soil-borne organisms that cause decay and seedling blights.

In addition to Ceresan M. recommended, there are several promising new materials on the market, such as Panogen, Agrox, and Setrete which may be satisfactory.

Since the disease organisms which cause loose smut of wheat and barley are carried within the seed, surface seed treatment with chemical dust disinfectants are not effective. The only way to control these diseases is by the hot-water treatment. Due to the difficulty of this method of treatment it is recommended only for treating a few bushels of seed to be used in planting isolated plots to obtain smut-free seed for the following year's planting. This treatment is also effective against other smuts and seed-borne diseases; however, as a protection against soil-borne organisms during the seedling stage, it is recommended that this seed be given the dust treatment in addition to the hot-water treatment.

Since allotments of wheat acreage have been drastically reduced, we offer the following suggestions based on findings of the agricultural experiment station for increasing your small grain yield.

1. Use Virginia certified seed grain of a variety adapted to your county.

2. Have soil tested and apply lime if needed.

3. Plow, disc or harrow, and work into a smooth seedbed free of clods.

4. Plant at the right time—wheat time of first killing frost; barley, two weeks before average date of first killing frost; winter oats, four weeks before first frost in fall or February 1 to March 15; spring oats, from 30 days before to date of last killing frost; rye, same time as wheat.

5. Plant the right amount per acre: wheat, 4 to 6 pecks; barley, 1 1/4 to 2 bushels; oats, 2 to 2 1/2 bushels; rye, 4 to 6 pecks.

6. Use ample plant food. 400 to 600 pounds per acre of 4-16-8, 2-12-12 (without borax) or 5-10-10 at time of seeding. Top-dress with 16 to 40 pounds of nitrogen (100 to 250 pounds 16% nitrogen fertilizer) between February 1 and March 15 if lodging is not to be expected. If small grains follow tobacco that received 1,000 pounds or more of fertilizer per acre, the fertilizer for the small grains may be decreased to 200 to 300 pounds to the acre at seeding. However, on the light, sandy tobacco soils, a top-dressing with 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen (150 to 200 pounds, 20% nitrogen fertilizer) should be used. These recommdations for small grains are based on the use of about 1,200 pounds to the acre of 4-16-8, 2-12-12 or its equivalent in a 3-year rotation. For example, if the amount used on corn is 1,000 pounds to the acre, then the amount for small grains may be reduced from 200 to 300 pounds to the acre. Likewise, if the amount used on corn is only 500 pounds to the acre, the amount used on small grains should be increased to 700 pounds to the acre.

If a legume is grown in the rotation or the corn or small grain is manured, it may be necessary to eliminate all nitrogen from the fertilizer and use an 0-14-7 or 0-14-14 at seeding and use no nitrogen top dressing to reduce lodging.

A 4-point program will hold small grain disease losses to a minimum: (1) Crop rotation and good fertilizer practices, (2) Use of adapted high - yielding, disease resistant varieties, (3) Use of high quality seed properly cleaned and treated, and (4) Planting at the right time.

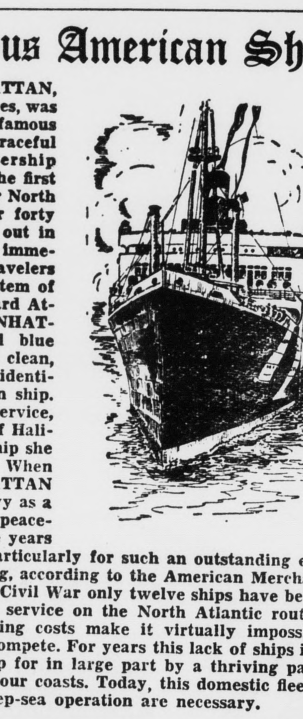
Cleaning seed is important in disease control, as it removes small particles of straw which carry disease germs. Seed treatments are effective in helping to get healthier seedlings and improved stands. Seed treatments are especially valuabe in control of diseases such as oat smuts and certain smuts of wheat and barley.

St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest town in the U. S., was founded on September 7, 1565.

Princeton University's mascot is a tiger.

San Juan is the capital of Puerto Rico.

A Famous American Ship



The gallant MANHATTAN, of the United States Lines, was one of America's most famous passenger ships. This graceful liner, with her sistership WASHINGTON, were the first American ships built for North Atlantic service in over forty years when they came out in the early 1930s. Their immediate popularity with travelers upturned the entire system of class nomenclature aboard Atlantic liners. The MANHATTAN's red, white and blue smoke stacks and her clean, sweeping lines readily identified her as an American ship. She saw extensive war service, surviving a fierce fire off Halifax. Rebuilt as a troopship she could carry 7,000 men. When peace came, the MANHATTAN was retained by the Navy as a mothball transport. Her peacetime career of only nine years was indeed too short, particularly for such an outstanding example of American shipbuilding, according to the American Merchant Marine Institute. Since the Civil War only twelve ships have been built for American passenger service on the North Atlantic route. High construction and operating costs make it virtually impossible for American ship lines to compete. For years this lack of ships in deep-sea service was made up for in large part by a thriving passenger and cargo service along our coasts. Today, this domestic fleet is extinct. New liners for deep-sea operation are necessary.

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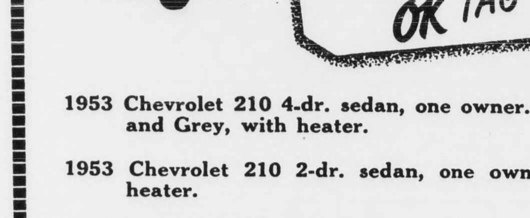

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WRESTLING MATCHES IN LYNCHBURG

Professional wrestling shows at Lynchburg City Armory have been shifted to Friday nights beginning this week, and for the first show, Promoter Charlie Laye has come up with one of the most sought-after tag team matches in the South.

Roughhouse Jack O'Brien, acclaimed here a few weeks back when he meted out what the crowd considered just desserts to Charro Aztec, the badman from Mexico, and then roundly booed for his roughness as he battled Freddie Blassie, Southern heavyweight champion, to a draw last week, meets up with his old tag team partner, Lou Plummer, and they'll do battle with the Becker Brothers in the feature match.

Plummer has been away from Lynchburg for quite a while and teamed with O'Brien out in the Southwest to become the tag team scourge of the area. Their tactics are diabolitically opposed to the orthodox rules which the Beckers generally abide by, and the Brooklyn, N. Y. brothers may be forced to abandon their "gentlemen roles" in Lynchburg's first Friday show.

Firpo Zybysko, bemustachioed and bald, believes he was done wrong in last week's semi-final, an event he lost to Chick Garibaldi in 38 minutes and has requested a return match. So, he'll get another show at the member of the famous California wrestling family in this week's semi-final again.

The Swedish Angel is also due back and should make hay at the expense of old George Bruckman, of Washington, D. C.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

Largest county in England is Yorkshire; smallest is Rutland.

Copra is the chief product of American Samoa.

Gaucho is the name applied to the Argentine cowboy.

Texas is 620 miles wide.

Jupiter is the largest of the planets.

Light travels about 186,000 miles per second.

Your Menu-Planning Made Easy With Home-Canned Tomatoes

Menu-planning a chore? When in doubt about what to serve your family, remember that good old stand-by, home-canned tomatoes. They're delicious prepared a number of ways; and among the countless tempting menu-sparkers are tomatoes with okra, tomato sauces and soups, tomato rarebits, vegetable mixture, delicately flavored tomato preserves, and those two faithfuls of the American table, tomato ketchup and chili sauce.

The distinctive flavor of chili sauce adds a wonderful tang to a variety of other foods: It may be combined with mayonnaise for a delicious Russian dressing; mixed with horseradish for a racy seafood cocktail; spread on hamburgers; or lend zest to a meal in countless other ways. And you may vary the amount of spices in your chili sauce to achieve a truly individual taste. Here's a recipe for chili sauce, taken from the Ball Blue Book, which you may like to try:

1 gallon tomatoes	1 tablespoon mustard seed
2 cups chopped onions	1 tablespoon celery seed
2 cups chopped red sweet peppers	3 tablespoons mixed spices
1 pod hot pepper	2½ cups vinegar
1 cup sugar	3 tablespoons salt

Wash and drain vegetables. Scald, core, peel and chop red-ripe tomatoes. Peel onions; remove seed from peppers; chop and measure. Mix all ingredients except spices and vinegar. Boil 45 minutes. Add spices (tied in bag). Boil until very thick, then add vinegar and boil until as thick as wanted. (Taste; add more seasoning and sugar if wanted.) Pour, boiling hot, into Ball Jars; seal at once.

Note: If preferred, ½ of the sweet peppers may be green.

And, isn't it wonderful to know that the tomatoes you put up yourself are real budget-stretchers? For example, the tomato juice you make of tomatoes grown in your own garden costs you only about 5¢ a quart.

If you would like to add to your own collection of favorite home-canning recipes, you may be interested to know that the Ball Blue Book on canning and freezing—with simplified methods, yields, timetables and over 300 home-canning recipes—is made available to you by sending 25¢ in coin to Ball Blue Book, Dept. PB, Muncie, Indiana.

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Blue Hornets Make FourthBid For Victory

The Appomattox High School Blue Hornets will play their first district league game Friday night when they meet Altavista High in a football game at Altavista. This game should be more in the Blue Hornet class than the first three games on the schedule, and Appomattox hopes to get on the winning side of the scoresheet.

Last Friday the Blue Hornets lost to a large and strong Princess Anne High School by a score of 24 to 0. The game was played there. The local team missed out on four scoring chances in the first half, and trailed Princess Anne by 6 to 0. Due to injuries and being outnumbered by a school which had 1,800 in high school, the Blue Hornets faltered in the second half and gave up three touchdowns.

Jerry George and Alton Smith showed up well on defense, and Teddy Mitchell and Dietz Rothgeb were outstanding on offense.

Coach Bragg states that with three losing games behind them, the team will show well in the remaining seven games on the schedule, as the rest of the opponents are nearer to the class of his squad.

The next home game for the varsity will be on October 8, when the Gretna High School comes here for a district league game.

A. H. S. JUNIOR VARSITY HELD SCORLESS IN LOSING TO PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Coach Joe Blackburne's Presbyterian Home football team launched its 1954 football season at Appomattox last Thursday night by crushing the A. H. S. Junior Varsity 20 to 0.

After a scoreless first period, the Home center, Bobby Ragland, intercepted a Blue Hornet pass and ran 65 yards for a touchdown. A pass added the extra point.

Dick Stinespring ran 25 yards for another touchdown in the third period, with Deaner running for the extra point. Davis ran 20 yards for the third touchdown and the final score was 20 to 0.

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

A friend came to call the other day. He was interested in seeing our modest hobby collections .. and that took up a bit of old tempus fugit. But Father Darkleaf knows a thing or two, and so we guided the conversation to the hobbies of our guest. We wanted to find out what he had collected .. and how lucky we were, for it turned out that he had a splendid collection of very rare articles, including shaving mugs and mustache cups, and some excellent rock specimens. And eventually he got around to admitting that he owned an original McGuffey's Third Reader. Heavens to Betsy, that we had to see, so he gladly went home and returned with the volume. There was a story about how he acquired the book and the names of persons who had used it, but to me the real story was the book itself. As I write this column, I have before me this rare original McGuffey's Third Reader.

McGuffey's was about all the school book there was a hundred years ago. The type for even that had to be set by hand. The heading of the very first chapter states that everything in that chapter is to be committed to memory. That meant you had to be able to put it on the blackboard from memory, recite it backwards and forwards, and even spell it! This chapter was on punctuation. I shudder to think what a modern third grader would do with such as this: "The Crotchets include a word or sentence, which is intended to exemplify the foregoing sentence, or which is intended to supply some deficiency, or rectify some mistake." Egad. And what is the punctuation mark to denote a secret?

And then McGuffey went on to a wonderful chapter on articulation. He says .. quote .. there is a great and general defect in early education in this particular, all, who are acquainted with the subject, will bear testimony .. end quote. Yea, brother. Listen as this man went to work with page after page of how to pronounce words: an exercise on vowel sounds, another on consonant sounds and consonant sounds combined. And the traps were revealed in Exercise IV. It is incorrect to say "fat'l" for "fatal." You would never, never say "widder" for "widow." The kids a hundred years ago had to memorize page after page of stuff like that. But those kids got a solid foundation in English, reading and writing, and spelling. McGuffey was strict. Try this for articulation: "It is FALSE to say he has no FAULTS." You have to be careful how you handle words. False and faults are NOT pronounced the same.

But let us conclude. ere we get into the chapters on spelling and arithmetic and grammar: the third grade level a hundred years ago. The kids of that day didn't have to contend with an income tax report either!

Thanks to my friend for letting me spend an interesting evening browsing over an original McGuffey's Third Reader!

Yesterday morning I turned on my bedside radio for an early newscast. Right after telling of the sudden death of Senator McCarron, the announcer added that also dead was the novelist and gifted writer, James Street. Ah yes, James Street. He would have been 51 come October 15. This author of many best-selling books died of a heart attack after presenting awards at a meeting of North Carolina Association of Press Broadcasters. I should recall that, for I was once presented a top award at a meeting of the Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters. But, when I heard this bit of news, I made a grab for my copy of the October issue of Holiday magazine. I was correct. It was Street who had written for this issue a splendid article on "The South." I had just set aside this issue of Holiday for permanent reference because of Street's article.

Street said that a band of Spanish transgressors, heroic but greedy entered the South 441 years ago, seeking a fantasy that would enable them to live forever with youth .. and today Southerners still had not changed and lots of Northerners come down just to check it out .. in case. But he added that we have now hard-surfaced Tobac-

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Pamplin P.T.-A. Held Its First Meeting Mon.

The first meeting of the new session of the Pamplin P.-T. A. was held in the school auditorium on Monday, Sept. 27, at 8:00 o'clock. The president, Mrs. Richard Williams, presided. The chairman of the program committee, Mr. Earl Smith, announced that the central theme for the year's program would be on the aspects of child development, and outlined the programs for the year.

Following the business meeting there was an informal get-together in the cafeteria for the purpose of teachers and parents getting acquainted.

The following slate of officers has been announced for 1954-55:
President, Mrs. Richard Williams.
Vice-president, Mr. Earl Smith.
Secretary, Mrs. Alice Campbell.
Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Wayne.
Committee chairmen:
Program, Mr. Earl Smith.
Finance, Mr. Frank Irving.
Health, Mrs. Virginia Martin.
Membership, Mrs. Robert McClenny.
Lunch room, Mrs. C. B. Gilliam.
Refreshments, Mrs. Ed Davis.
Reporter, Mrs. John Ranson.

Garden Club' Met Monday

The Appomattox Garden Club met Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., and then turned over to Mrs. K. C. Gregory, program chairman. Mrs. Gregory introduced Mrs. W. B. Wood, from Waynesboro Nurseries, who spoke on bulbs for spring bloom.

At the business session, Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr. and Mrs. W. W. Burke were elected to attend the Virginia Woman' Forum. The club also voted to list meeting dates on the Legion Auxiliary calendar and to help sponsor the Grass Roots Opera.

To Attend Southern States District Election Meeting

J. L. Torrence, of Appomattox, will represent Southern States Cooperative members in the Appomattox area at the cooperative's district election meeting to be held October 5 at Lynchburg. W. T. Coleman, manager of Coleman's Feed & Seed Store, will also attend.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Restyling and remodeling hats will be subject for demonstration at meetings of the Appomattox County Home demonstration Clubs for next week. Members bring hats they wish help on. Reports will be collected. The schedule:

Monday, Oct. 4.- Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Hunter Martin. Demonstration will be by the home agent.

Monday, Oct. 4.- The Richwood Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Ethel St. John. Mrs. Elijah Farrar will give the demonstration.

Tuesday, Oct. 5.- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. R. A. Hamilton. Mrs. L. L. Webb and Miss Ora Gilbert will give the demonstration.

Wednesday, Oct. 6.- The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Elva Overton.

Thursday, Oct. 7.- Piney Ridge Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P. M. at Old Piney Ridge Church.

Thursday, Oct. 7.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. D. R. Inge. Mrs. J. H. Ranson and Mrs. Tobey Inge will give the demonstration.

Friday, Oct. 8.- Country Lane Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Dean Conner. Mrs. Conner will give the demonstration.

Name Census Crew Leader

Appointment of Overton G. Apperson, of Dillwyn, as a crew leader for the 1954 Census of Agriculture was announced today by Field Supervisor Walter G. Andrews, Jr.

Mr. Apperson will direct a force of 12 enumerators who will canvass all farms in Buckingham and Appomattox Counties. He reports October 11 to the census agriculture field office at Richmond, Va., for a week of training.

The crew leader is one of the key people in the field operations of the Census of Agriculture. It is his responsibility to train the enumerators and supervise their work; plan and allocate work assignments; review the work of the enumerators and take remedial action where necessary, and to conduct difficult enumerations.

After attending the training conference, Mr. Apperson will return to his district where he will spend three weeks recruiting numerators, checking enumeration district boundaries and training enumerators in preparation for the start of the census on November 8.

Legion Head Appoints New Committees

The following committees have been announced by Commander R. D. Robinson of American Legion Post 104:

Americanism Committee: C. T. Moses, Jr., chairman; Eames A. Powers, Carl A. Collins, R. D. Robinson, Frank F. Carr, Fred Smith Joel W. Flood and Robert A. Sears.

Publicity Committee: William T. Evans chairman; Ivey Holland, Carl A. Collins, R. D. Robinson.

Attendance Committee: Berkley H. Guill, chairman; George W. Wooldridge, L. C. MacKenzie.

Visiting Committee: Carl A. Collins, chairman; L. Preston Brown.

Membership Committee: Dr. D. A. Christian, III and Berkley H. Guill, chairmen; George W. Wooldridge, Robert Trivett, James L. Blackwell, Sr.; W. E. Layne, Lyle Garrette, L. C. MacKenzie, H. B. Lucado, George C. Jennings, Allen L. Wood, Jr.

Entertainment and Refreshment Committee: William D. Morris, chairman; Malcolm A. Booker, Charlie C. Carter, Edwin Carter, Larry Young, John Hall, Peyton Harvey.

Child Welfare Commitee: Fred C. Smith, chairman; Murrell Ferguson, John P. Taylor, David A. Christian, C. T. Moess, Jr.; Clifford E. Harvey.

Calendar Committee: David T. Robertson, chairman; Ivey Holland Curry Harvey, William Hunter, John P. Taylor.

Athletic Committee: Lathan Harvey, chairman; David A. Christian

Post Historian: C. Kendall Hunter.

Legion Grounds Committee: G. W. Wooldridge, chairman; Marvin House, William J. Covington, Gilbert E. Mays, Charlie W. Scruggs Elmer L. Stanley, Martin L. Webb John C. Cole.

Legion Building Committee: T. C. Harvey, Jr., chairman; Ray Ferguson, Edwin Carter, A. R. Harwood, Jr.; Larry Mays, Archie Gaines, Ollie C. Hall, E. L. Fields

Service Officer: John P. Taylor.

Activity Calendar Planned Here

The American Legion Auxiliary is planning an activity calendar for the year 1955. The object of this calendar, other than being its money making project for the year, is to unite the locality more closely by providing local information and activity data.

The Legion Auxiliary hopes to include the monthly meeting dates of each civic organization, church organizations, birthdays, anniversaries, athletic activities and many dates of interest to local persons.

A charge of 25 cents for each listing will be made and several gifts are being made available by business places for those persons whose birthdays appear on the calendar.

The calendar will be sold for 50 cents.

Results of Referendum for ASC Committmen Announced

Results of the ASC committeemen elections held recently are announced as follows:

C. S. Rush, Red House, Va., was elected chairman; Beverley K. Martin, Gladstone, Va., vice-chairman; and H. F. Martin, Appomattox, Va., regular member. Alternates to the county committee, chosen at the same time by farmer-elected delegates to the county convention, are R. M. Webb, Appomattox, Va., and Bennett Harding, Appomattox, Va.

Farmers also elected a community committee of three farmers in each of Appomattox County's three communities:

Clover Hill Community

R. K. Martin, Pamplin, chairman; H. W. Jenkins, Appomattox, vice-chairman; E. M. Sears, Pamplin, regular member.

Stonewall Community

T. R. Martin, Jr., Concord, Va., chairman; L. B. Thomas, Concord Va., vice - chairman; Aubrey I. Moore, Gladstone, Va., regular member.

Southside Community

A. T. Fleshman, Appomattox, Va. chairman; E. N. Harvey, Evergreen, Va., vice-chairman; E. W. Marshall, Jr., Spout Spring, Va., regular member.

Committeemen will take office on October 1 and serve for approximately one year. They will act as a policy determining body, making program recommendations, establish acreage allotments, allocate ACP funds, approve important documents, and make important decisions affecting farmers in the county. Matters of program detail operation will be handled by the county office manager and his staff.

Oakville P.T.-A. Met Thursday

The Oakville P. T. A. held its first meeting the school year September 23, with a large number of patrons present. Mrs. John Spiggle and her membership committee enrolled thirty-seven. All parents and interested patrons were invited to participate in the year's activities.

President Otho Martin, Jr., introduced the new principal, Mr. G. T. Mason, and the new fourth and fifth grade teacher, Miss Haskins.

There was an interesting and informative program given by Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr. Mr. Martin presided over the business session. Plans were made for the year's work.

A reception was held in Mrs. Walton's room in honor of the new teachers and the new patrons. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard and her social committee.

DR. BABCOCK TO SPEAK IN RICHMOND FRIDAY

Dr. Havilah Babcock will speak at a meeting of the Isaac Walton League in Richmond Friday evening. Dr. Babcock, of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. is a native of Appomattox. He is a recognized authority on outdoor life and is the author of many articles and stories on fishing, hunting, etc.

Dr. W. P. Matthews Will Address Woman's Club

Dr. William P. Matthews, professor of Psychology at Lynchburg College, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Woman's Club of Appomattox Monday afternoon, October 4, at 3:00 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the high school cafeteria.

Dr. Matthews is being presented by the American Home and Conservation Department of the club, of which Mrs. F. F. Carr is chairman.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Mildred Alvis, Mrs. Leonard Anderson, Mrs. Hugh Waverley Brown, Mrs. George F. Abbitt, Jr. and Mrs. L. Crawley.

Dr. Matthews' topic will be: Conservation of Human Resources.

F. H. A. Holds First Meeting

The first meeting of the Appomattox Chapter of the F. H. A. was held September 29. We have enrolled this year 58 members. We have elected officers as follows:
President, Frances Carson.
Vice-pres., Carrie Inge.
Secretary, Dot Painter.
Treasurer, Norma Hillsman.
Reporter, Mary Frances Harris.
Music, Ruby Jones.

Many things were exhibited at the Farmville Fair, and eight prizes were won.

Eight girls will model in the Lynchburg Farm Show. Also many exhibits will be entered.

Norfolk & Western Lists Faster Schedules for Trains

Faster schedules for trains 3 and 4, the Pocahontas between Norfolk and Cincinnati, and night train changes aimed at better mail and passenger service in the Norfolk area were announced this week by the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 26, Train 3 will leave Norfolk at 1:40 P. M. daily, five minutes earlier than before, and arrive at Cincinnati at 7:05 A. M. daily, forty minutes earlier. Train 4 will leave Cincinnati at 11:25 P. M., as at present, and arrive in Norfolk at 4:55 P. M., 35 minutes earlier than before. Departure times at intermediate stations will be proportionately earlier.

Effective October 1, Train 22 carrying New York - Norfolk and Roanoke - Norfolk sleeping cars will leave Petersburg at 5:40 A. M., arriving Norfolk at 7:30 A. M., instead of the present 9 A. M. On the same day Train 7 which now leaves Norfolk in the morning will be changed to depart at 10 P. M.

LEAF PRICES STEADY ON OLD BELT

Prices for Old Belt flue-cured tobacco remained fairly steady on the markets yesterday.

Volume Tuesday dropped to 4,598,812 pounds with an average of $55.16. The average was $1.59 under Monday's.

Local P.T.-A. Met Tuesday

The Appomattox High School P.-T. A. met Tuesday night, September 28, in the school cafeteria.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mr. C. T. Moses, Jr. At the business session, the group voted to help sponsor the Grass Roots Opera here and to list the meeting dates on the American Legion Auxiliary activities calendar. It also noted that due to the construction going on at the school, the cafeteria would not be rented for Oct. 29 and 30.

After the business session, Mrs. B. V. Caldwell asked Mr. H. E. Kerr and Miss Flora Belle Williams to introduce the high school and grade faculties. She then introduced Supt. J. A. Burke, who spoke on the school building program and Mr. T. DeWitt Evans, who spoke on the meaning of P.-T. A.

Following the program, refreshments were served.

Pamplin Youth Represents County in Tractor Contest

Douglas Jamison, a 19-year-old Pamplin High School Future Farmer took first honors in the four-county FFA tractor operator's contest held at Brookville H. S. Thursday September 23. Jamison is representing Appomattox County in a similar contest at the Lynchburg Farm Show today.

Fifth place went to Thomas Weakley, of the Appomattox FFA. Ronnie Perdue, of Appomattox placed eleventh. William Ranson, Pamplin, was twelfth.

The field of twenty contestants included two students of vocational agriculture from each of the ten schools in Amherst, Appomattox Bedford, and Campbell Counties having Future Farmer of America chapters. Participants qualified for the contest sponsored by the Hub Federation by placing first and second in their local chapter contests.

Judges for the contest were instructors of vocational agriculture, including F. D. Irving, Pamplin, and W. L. Motley, Appomattox. Contestants were scored on the basis of their performances of events in 3 general categories .. safety, operation, and belting. V. B. Cauley, instructor of vocational agriculture at Brookville was general chairman of the contest.

Semi-Annual Inspection of Automobiles Begins Friday

Richmond, Va.- With the reminder that official semi-annual motor vehicle inspection begings October 1 and will extend through November 15, for all vehicles except trucks, Captain W. L. Groth, State Police Safety Engineer, again urged car owners to present their vehicles to the stations of their choice early.

"We have sufficient stations, conveniently located, and an adequate number of registered mechanics to inspect all vehciles without undue difficulty if people will not wait until the proverbial last minute and jam facilities beyond their capacities," he said.

Capt. Groth noted that a new law requires the official sticker to be displayed at all times on all motor vehicles, including motorcycles, and reminded owners of all types of trailers that these must be inspected also. Procedure will vary, he noted, as to type but station operators are in possession of all details.

In conformance with a national program, the reverse of the current sticker will carry the message, "Make Courtesy Your Code of the Road," which should reach nearly every Virginian during the time it will be displayed.

The Safety Engineer remarked further that the New York Legislature has adopted inspection and authorities were recently in Richmond to study the Virginia system.

Trucks will be inspected throughout the month of December and there can be no extension of either period.